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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, EC, PE

SUBJECT: TUNA STATUS REPORT

REFS: QUITO 617, GUAYAQUIL 136, LIMA 0775

1. WELL-INFORMED LOCAL FISHING SOURCE STATES THAT AT PRESENT TIME ALMOST ALL FISHING FOR TUNA IS OCCURRING IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS. ONE LOCAL STAR-KIST BOAT WHICH HAS PURCHASED REQUISITE DOCUMENTATION IS NOW FISHING IN PERUVIAN-CLAIMED WATERS. SOURCE JUDGES THAT MOST LARGE CLUPPERS PRESENTLY FISHING IN ECUADOREAN WATERS DO NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE ANY INCENTIVE AT PRESENT TIME TO MOVE SOUTH. SOURCE, HOWEVER, ALSO NOTES THAT TRADITIONALLY TUNA HAVE TENDED TO MOVE SOUTH SO THAT POSSIBILITY CERTAINLY EXISTS OF FUTURE FISHING OFF PERU.

2. COMMENT: LAST WEEK IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR NOTED THAT TUNA SEASON IS UPON US AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PERIODIC CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT
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RECUR. HOWEVER, DE LA FLOR GAVE NO INDICATION WHAT

ACTION GOP WOULD TAKE IF U.S. BOATS DO FISH "ILLEGALLY"
IN PERUVIAN-CLAIMED WATERS. SOURCE OF PARA 1 SAID
HE WILL NOTIFY US IF SHIPS MOVE INTO PERUVIAN WATERS.
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